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If Laos should fall to the Communists, it would complicate our task in South Vietnam by easing their supply problems. However, the situation there--though still far from solution--is not hopeless. Our aid is permitting the South Vietnamese to take more aggressive military action against the guerrillas, and we are working hard to overcome three presently serious deficiencies--getting better intelligence on Communist forces, increasing public support for the Diem government, and improving that government's administrative machinery.

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